

# INFORMATION SHEET

## RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE - 7 OR MORE

- Child care between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m. for seven or more children must have a fire sprinkler system installed in accordance with NFPA 13. *NAC 477.568*
- Plans for the construction of new facilities or the remodeling of existing facilities must be submitted to the state fire marshal, or to the local authority if the facility is in Clark County, Washoe County or Carson City, for approval before construction or remodeling begins. *NAC 477.562*
- In new facilities and newly licensed facilities, all sleeping/napping rooms shall have smoke detectors that receive their primary power from the building's wiring and have battery backup. *NAC 477.562*
- Evacuation plan must be posted in a conspicuous place. *NFPA 1: 20.3.3.2.1*
- There must be 2 unobstructed exits, one of which shall lead directly outside. *NFPA 101: 16.6.2.4*
- Security bars, gates or other barriers are not permitted on exit doors and/or windows in rooms used for sleeping or napping. *CLV Child Care Regulations*
- In rooms used for sleeping or napping, windows must be openable from the inside. Windows must have a minimum height dimension of 24 inches, minimum width dimensions of 20 inches, and a minimum sill height of not more than 44 inches above the floor. *NFPA 101: 16.6.2.4.3*
- A fire extinguisher with a 2-A:10-B:C minimum rating must be within 75 feet travel distance and must be serviced annually by a state licensed agency. A current Nevada State Fire Marshal tag shall be attached. *NFPA 1: 13.6.1.1*
- Extinguishers must be mounted with the top no more than 5 feet from the floor. If the fire extinguisher is not readily visible, a sign shall be posted which states: "Fire Extinguisher" *NFPA 1: 13.6.3.10*
- Heaters, wood stoves, fireplaces, or other similar devices in rooms occupied by children shall be separated from the main part of the room by a non-combustible partition, wire screen, or protective metal guard. No portable heating devices or unvented wall heaters are allowed. *NAC 477.562*
- Fabric window coverings are not allowed in sleeping rooms used by the children.  
*CLV Child Care Regulations*

**EXCEPTION:** Fabric coverings, which are inherently flame retardant from the manufacturer, or fabric window coverings that have been professionally treated may be allowed. A Manufacturers Data Sheet/Certificate of Flame Resistance and a sample of the material shall be provided to the fire department. Mini-blinds, vertical blinds, or woven wood shades shall be approved by fire prevention.

- Exit doors shall be openable from the inside without the use of a key or any special knowledge.  
*NFPA 101: 7.2.1.5*

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- Extension cords are not allowed in lieu of permanent wiring. *NFPA 1: 11.1.5*
- Bathroom doors must open from the inside without a key and must be able to be opened from the outside by an opening device that is readily accessible to staff. *NFPA 1: 20.3.2.3*
- Closet doors must open from the inside without a key. *NFPA 1: 20.3.2.2*
- No more than 1 gallon of flammable liquid is allowed in the building or garage. *NAC 477.562*
- Gas water heaters in a garage shall be located 18 inches above the floor. *NFPA 54*
- No smoking except in designated smoking area. *NAC 477.562*
- Building address is to be posted so it is visible from the street. All addresses for residential homes will be a minimum of 3½ inches in height if less than 50 feet from a property line; otherwise, must be 6 inches in height. All addresses require illumination. *CLV Ordinance #3744*
- Fire drills shall be held at least once a month. A record shall be kept of the date of the drill, and the amount of time the drill required to clear the building. A drill should not take longer than one minute for evacuation time, which is the required time for public elementary schools. *NFPA 1: 20.3.3.2.2*
- Child-resistant covers must be installed on all electrical outlets accessible to children. *NAC 477.562*
- Exit paths shall be free of obstructions, which include rescue windows in sleeping rooms.  
*NFPA 101: 16.6.2.4*
- Wastebaskets and garbage cans must be noncombustible. *NAC 477.562*
- Trained staff members shall conduct monthly prevention inspections. A copy of the latest inspection report shall be posted in a conspicuous place. *NFPA 1: 20.3.3.2.3.1*
- Emergency lighting with battery back-up required. *NAC 477.563*

*The items listed are basic information only. Codes are subject to change. Additional requirements may apply.*

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